In the eighth, Gorbo sings of the age of the golden world, ending with a tale of Dowsabel and hei shepheid lover

The book ends with the lament of Rowland that his Idea is unkind to him

242^ *April* PLAGUE DEATHS

The plague is not yet died out of London, 34 persons being reported dead of it during the past week

z<)tb April A CHARITABLE GENTLEMAN

Some years since Mr Edward Cotton of his charity disbursed the sum of £444 for the redemption of four captives from the Turks, yet hath he hitherto received but .£40, though letters were then sent to the Lord Mayor that his charges should be satisfied from the collections ordinarily made about Easter for this charitable purpose The Council have again written to the Lord Mayor that the money specially collected for the redemption of captives since Maundy Thursday or before at Spittle sermons or other places be now paid to him, that others may be encouraged to the like good and charitable deed upon like occasions

^tb May THE NUMBERS OF STRANGERS IN LONDON

The certificates giving the numbers of strangers in London show the total of all strangers living in London with their children and servants born out of the realm to be 4300, 267 being denizens This scrutiny hath been taken in every ward because of the complaints of English shopkeepers that the strangers are not content with manufactures and warehouses but would keep shops and retail all manner of goods

$tb May LIBELS AGAINST STRANGERS

Between eleven and twelve o'clock at night a rhyme was found set up on the walls of the Dutch Churchyard

beginning

* You strangers that inhabit m this land,
Note this same writing, do it understand,
Conceive it well for safeguard of your lives,
Your goods, your children and your dearest
wives '

This was taken down and brought to the
constable*